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Hungary joined the UN on December 14, 1955.

The world is not perfect. We face growing problems that seem to be attacking specifically on our health issues today. However, we live in a world where people are too concerned about the future that we tend to forget the present struggles of other countries. These situations that we are currently undergoing, are ones that can be fixed or diminished. Unfortunately, an estimated amount of 287,000 maternal deaths have occurred, and recorded 6.6 million children under the age of five dying in 2012. In fact, majority of these deaths happen in 3rd world countries, where medical facilities are not at its best.

Although this topic of discussion is precisely recognizing the third world countries, Hungary, as a second world country, is facing these issues as well. Furthermore, similar to the diseases that cause unfortunate deaths within the poorer countries, they seem to be occurring in Hungary. Majority of the mortality are caused by chronic disease, Ischemic heart disease, cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, type 3 diabetes, and cancer. Because of these many factors, Hungary stands as the top 23rd country with the highest death rates, with one of the lowest natality rates compared to other countries of the EU. However, before finding solutions for the impoverished worldwide, Hungary had to, first, find a solution for their growing mortality and the reducing natality rate.

When Hungary had joined with the EU in 2004, it opened a variety of opportunities for health services. The EU has enhanced public health service and increased in its investments, and since then it has rapidly been growing. The Government began to hold heavy emphasis towards health care, improvements towards standard living, and committed to lessen the lifestyle-related factors that contribute to health problems, such as pollution. Since then, Hungary seemed to have a drastic declined in death rates.

Hungary takes the issue caused by infant mortality seriously. In fact, Hungary believes that a health system of a country can be indicated by mainly reviewing the mortality rate of children. Although Hungary has a low percentage of infant mortality, we put great emphasis towards this topic internationally. Having more than ten million children dying each year just in the developing world, Hungary could not just stand by. Hungary had developed and invested in the “Hungarian Hospital” in Salahaddin, Yemen, where it was supplied with high technology and sanitary medical equipment. Not only that, but the Hungarian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), such as the Hungarian Baptist Aid and the Innomed Medical Inc., have supported countries like Cambodia and Iraq, by giving contributions to an orphanage in Cambodia, and providing Iraqi hospitals with medical equipment.

Another aspect that Hungary looks upon with great importance is the maternal health. Just as our goal is to reduce the infant mortality, our goal is also to reduce maternal deaths, and reduce the number of abortions. Hungary acts upon this goal by further increasing and circulating education on this topic in question, and providing inexpensive solutions, such as prevention through training. The Hungarian Interchurch Aid (NGO) had achieved this by training 20 social workers in Ukraine.

Hungary has participated in acts to improve, not only their own, but international health issues that are faced especially by third world countries. We recognize the fatality of children and mothers, and believe that this can be solved. The best course of action would be to improve upon the more basic problems that could save thousands of lives. These are things such as improving the education of persons in specifically India and making improvements on technology and sanitation in medical facilities. Education is one of the more important problems, but by outsourcing teachers from Hungary to India we could resolve this issue in no time. We could also provide financial aid to purchase new medical equipment and improve the sanitation of medical facilities. These steps to decreasing the mortality rates are so little, yet they leave such a big impact on the lives of many. Furthermore, Hungary is open to having a conference with India to better our understanding of the issues at hand and listen to a variety of proposals from other countries that are willing to assist in this unfortunate problem.

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